UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA WESTERN DIVISION No. 5:24-cv-00500-M-BM

| UNITED SOVEREIGN AMERICANS, INC. |) | |
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| and RICHARD YOST, |) | |
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| Petitioners, |) | RESPONDENT |
| |) | MERRICK GARLAND'S |
| V. |) | MOTION FOR |
| |) | EXTENSION OF TIME |
| MERRICK GARLAND, IN HIS OFFICIAL |) | TO FILE REPLY |
| CAPACITY AS ATTORNEY GENERAL OF |) | |
| THE UNITED STATES, et al., |) | |
| |) | |
| Respondents. |) | |
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Respondent Merrick Garland, in his official capacity as Attorney General of the United States, by and through the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina, respectfully moves for an extension of time to file a reply to Plaintiffs' response [D.E. 36] to Respondent's motion to dismiss [D.E. 32].

Counsel for Respondent needs additional time to file a proper reply, and Respondent respectfully requests an extension of time until January 17, 2025.

Counsel for Respondent has communicated with opposing counsel, and opposing counsel does not object to the requested extension.

WHEREFORE, United States of America, respectfully requests an extension of time, up to and including January 17, 2025, in which to file a reply.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of December, 2024.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that I have this 17th day of December, 2024, served a copy of the foregoing has been served upon Respondent's counsel of record by filing the same via the District Court's CM/ECF Document Filing System.

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